generation for the urban poor. The specific details of changes to be made and time schedule for the same will emerge only after the review is completed.

Minimum wages fixed for agricultural labour

447. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the minimum wages fixed for agricultural labour in different States;

(b) when this limit was fixed;

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider this limit in view of the rise in prices and inflation; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to entrust the matter to any committee to determine the minimum wage for agricultural labour in different State?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) As per the available information, the minimum rates of wages fixed for agricultural labour in different States alongwith the dates from which they are effective is given in the statement (*see* below).

(c) and (d) Primarily it is the State Government which is the appropriate Government under the Minimum wages Act, 1948 for fixing/revising the minimum wages for agricultural workers. The State Governments have been following the recommendation of 31st Session of Labour Ministers' Conference held in 1980 which says that the minimum wages may be reviewed & revised every two years or on rise of 50 points in Consumer Price Index number, whichever is earlier.

Statement

S.No.	States/UTs	Minimum Wages and Date of effect
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States:		
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Rs. 8.50 to Rs. 11 (9.2.87)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Rs. 15 to Rs. 18 (1.9.86) (Wages have been fixed by executive Order).
3.	Assam	Rs. 19.60 (1.7.88)
4.	Bihar	Rs. 10 or 5 kg. paddy or any other kind of grain of the same value plus one time nasta. (16.10.86)
5.	Goa	Rs. 12.00 (1.7.86)
6.	Gujarat	Rs. 11.00 (4.2.86)
7.	Haryana	Rs. 31.75 (June, 1989)
8.	Himachal Pradesh	Rs. 18.00 (15.4.89)
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	Rs. 15.00 (25.5.88)

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10.	Karnataka	Rs. 12.00 to Rs. 17.65 (12.7.88)
11.	Kerala	Rs. 12.00 to Rs. 15.00 (1.6.84)
12.	Madhya Pradesh	Rs. 11.00 (26.6.87)
13.	Maharashtra	Rs. 12.00 to Rs. 20.00 (1.5.88)
14.	Manipur	Rs. 23.70 for area other than Hill area and Rs. 26.70 for Hill area. (1.12.88)
15.	Meghalaya	Rs. 15.00 (1.3.87)
16.	Mizoram	Rs. 28.00 (1.11.87)
17.	Nagaland	Rs. 15.00 (16.5.87)
18.	Orissa	Rs. 11.00 (10.2.89)
19.	Punjab	Rs. 33.30 without meal or Rs. 29.30 with meal. (1.9.89)
20.	Rajasthan	Rs. 14.00 (1.3.87)
21.	Sikkim	Rs. 14.00 (wages have been fixed by an executive order). (1.10.87)
22.	Tamil Nadu	Rs. 14.00 (15.11.87)
23.	Tripura	Rs. 14.00 (3.4.89)
24.	Uttar Pradesh	Rs. 18.00 (29.4.89)
25.	West Bengal	Rs. 19.65 without meal or Rs. 16.45 plus 2 principal meals. (1.10.88)
Union Territories		
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	Rs. 20.00 (Andaman) Rs. 21.00 (Nicobar) (12.7.89)
2.	Chandigarh	Rs. 23.85 (1.10.88)
3.	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Rs. 11.00 (2.2.87)
4.	Delhi	Rs. 28.85 (1.5.89)

1.	2.	3.
5.	Lakshadweep	Rs. 20.75 (1.9.88) (Wages have been fixed by an executive order).
6.	Pondicherry	
	(i) Pondicherry Region	Rs. 7.00 (3.12.83)
	(ii) Mahe Region	Rs. 12.00 (7.4.87)
	(iii) Yanam Region	Rs. 11.00 (15.3.88)
	(iv) Karaikal Region	Rs. 8.00 (16.1.86)

नशीले पदार्थों की लत

448. **श्री सन्तोष बागड्रोदिया:** क्या **कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि स्मैक, हैरोइन तथा अन्य नशीले पदार्थों के सेवन की बढ़ती हुई लत पर तुरंत काबू पाने के लिए सरकार क्या कार्यवाही करने का विचार रखती है?

श्रम और कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): सरकार ने नशीली दवाओं के दुरुपयोग से निपटने के लिए, नशीली दवाओं की मांग और पूर्ति दोनों पर नियंत्रण रखने हेतु एक व्यापक कार्यनीति अपनाई है। मांग में कमी लाने की दिशा में, चेतना निर्माण तथा नशीली दवाओं के दुरुपयोग के दुष्परिणामों के प्रति लोगों को शिक्षित करने के कार्यक्रमों के माध्यम से तथा व्यसनियों के अभिप्रेरण, परामर्श, उपचार, अनुवर्तन तथा पुनर्वास से सुसंगठित कार्यक्रम के माध्यम से उपाय किए गए हैं। सरकारी जनसंचार माध्यमों द्वारा चेतना निर्माण कार्यक्रमों के लिए भी प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं। दूसरी ओर, स्वापक औषध (नरकोटिक्स) और मनोविकारी (साइकोट्रापिक) पदार्थों के अवैध व्यापार पर नियंत्रण के लिए, विद्यमान कानून को सख्ती से लागू किया जा रहा है।

Expenditure on relief and rehabilitation of flood victims

449. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the amount of expenditure incurred on relief and rehabilitation of flood victims in the country during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table on the Sabha.

Indefinite Strike by Employees of Paradeep Phosphates Limited

450. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of Paradeep Phosphates Limited had gone on an indefinite strike recently in support of their nine point charter of demand;

(b) if so, what are the details of their demands;

(c) whether the strike has since been called off after due negotiation between workers and the management; and

(d) if so, what action have been taken to fulfil their demand?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The demands made by the employees' Union were as follows:

(i) Payment of bonus/grant of *ex-gratia* payment for the year 1988-89.

(ii) Wage settlement.

(iii) Formulation of promotion policy for the workmen.

(iv) Canteen facility for contract labour.

(v) Review of policy on training period of apprenticeship.

(vi) Reduction of staff.

(vii) Accommodation facility for contract labour.